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## GOP Criticizes Humphrey Talk

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Washington, July 20 — It's a Republican year, according to auto bumper stickers distributed on Capitol Hill, and Republicans today seemed anxious for the election battle to start.

GOP lawmakers lobbed charges at a number of administration targets, ranging from Vice President Humphrey's statements on life in the slums to the motives of Democratic campaign contributors.

And Ray C. Bliss, the party's national chairman, issued details on a new series of workshops aimed at pepping up party organization and getting out the vote on November 8.

While avoiding direct attacks on President Johnson, congressional critics took off agter nearly everything else Democratic.

Vice President Humphrey was castigated for remarks in New Orleans Monday night, when he said he might "lead a might good revolt" himself if he were subjected to the conditions that exist in big-city slums.

### Vice President Replies

"Statements like this by leaders of Mr. Humphrey's prominence can only have one result: they will encourage the rioting and looting. . . ." Senator Hruska (R., Neb.) told the Senate.

The charges were first raised by Representative Ford (R., Mich.), the House minority leader, in a statement that yesterday termed the vice president's words "incredibly irresponsible."

Humphrey, today issued a statement, in reply.

"Intolerable slum conditions are a seedbed for trouble, and every responsible American public official should be aware of this fact," he said.

"This I referred to in my speech. . . . But I also said that we cannot condone violence, lawlessness and disorder."